

V. REMARKS

Claims 2-4 are objected to because of informalities. The claims are amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ellis (U.S. Patent No. 5,973,618) in view of Solomon (U.S. Patent No. 6,404,409). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Ellis teaches an intelligent walking stick that includes an elongate frame having proximal and distal end portions, a handle on the proximal portion, a power source on the elongate frame, a transmitter, a receiver, a processor, a warning device, a sensor, a control device, a global positioning system, a silent alarm and an identifying device. The transmitter on the elongate frame transmits information to a third party receiver with the transmitter being electrically connected to the power source. The receiver on the elongate frame receives information from a third party transmitter with the receiver being electrically connected to the power source. The processor on the elongate frame is in communication with the transmitter and receiver with the processor being electrically connected to the power source. The warning device on the elongate frame warns the person carrying the walking stick of a situation with the warning device being in communication with the processor and electrically connected to the power source.

The warning device of Ellis is triggered by information received by the receiver and processed by the processor. The warning device is capable of producing an audible warning and a visible warning. The sensor on the elongate frame, with the sensor being in communication with the processor and electrically connected to the power source, has means for sensing the presence of an object in a vicinity of a person carrying the walking stick and has means for producing an image of the object. The means for producing the image of the object superimposes the image on lens of glasses worn by the person carrying the

walking stick. The control device controls functions of the walking stick, with the control device controlling the functions of the walking stick including an interactive voice response system on the elongate frame with the elongate frame including a microphone for feeding instructions to the interactive voice response system. The global positioning system on the elongate frame is in communication with the processor. The silent alarm on the elongate frame is triggerable by the person carrying the walking stick and is in communication with the transmitter. The identifying device identifies information in the processor on the person carrying the walking stick.

Solomon discloses a handheld, swing display device that includes a plurality of light emitting devices, a computer, and activation device and an autostereoscopic device. The plurality of light emitting devices is mounted on a support member for providing a virtual image of characters or figures through a swing arc. The computer controls the light emitting devices. The activation device initiates or controls the light emitting devices. The autostereoscopic device produces a multiplicity of views distinct to each eye of the observer.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a portable signal light. Claim 1 recites that the portable signal light is provided with a tubular light emitting lamp portion, which is telescopically fitted to a tubular grip portion. Claim 1 also recites that the light emitting lamp portion defines a housing containing a battery for a power source and a plurality of light emitting diodes, which can be turned on, by the battery. Further, claim 1 recites that the grip portion is provided with an infrared remote control sending apparatus operative for controlling the lighting of the plurality of light emitting diodes and the light emitting lamp portion is provided with an infrared remote control receiving apparatus operative for receiving the control signal from the infrared remote control sending apparatus so as to control the lighting of the plurality of light emitting diodes.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of claim 1 as amended.

Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests that the light emitting lamp portion defines a housing containing a battery for a power source and a plurality of light emitting diodes. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the features of the applied art because such combination would not result in the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claim 2, as amended, is directed to a portable signal light. Claim 2 recites that the portable signal light is provided with a tubular or bar-like support portion, which is telescopically fitted to a tubular grip portion. Claim 2 further recites that the support portion is provided with a light emitting lamp portion defining a housing containing a battery for a power source and a plurality of light emitting diodes, which can be turned on, by the battery. Also, claim 2 recites that the grip portion is provided with an infrared remote control sending apparatus operative for controlling the lighting of the plurality of light emitting diodes and the light emitting lamp portion is provided with the infrared remote control receiving apparatus operative for receiving the control signal from the infrared remote control sending apparatus so as to control the lighting of the plurality of light emitting diodes.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of claim 2 as amended. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests that the support portion is provided with a light emitting lamp portion defining a housing containing a battery for a power source and a plurality of light emitting diodes. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the features of the applied art because such combination would not result in the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 2 is allowable over the applied art.

Claim 3 depends from claims 1 or 2 and includes all of the features of claim 1 or 2. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claim is allowable at least for the reason claims 1 or 2 are allowable as well as for the features it recites.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ellis and Solomon as applied to claim 2 in view of Riblett (U.S. Patent No. 6,293,684). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Riblett teaches a wand light that has a base tube with a light-tube end in which a base end of a light tube is pivotal concentrically with pivotal-light-switch attachment of the light tube to the base tube. The base tube contains a stored-energy unit in addition to being a handle and a daytime signaler. The light tube contains a light emitter, which can include a flashlight bulb or a plurality of light-emitting diode units on a circuit board. The light tube is twisted in the base tube for selective switching of current for the light emitter.

As discussed above, claim 2 is allowable over Ellis and Solomon. It is respectfully submitted that Riblett fails to cure the deficiencies of Ellis and Solomon and therefore claim 2 is allowable over the combination of these references. Claim 4 depends from claim 2 and includes all of the features of claim 2. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claim is allowable at least for the reason claim 2 is allowable as well as for the features it recites.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Further newly-added dependent claims 8-12 also include features not shown in the applied art.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the

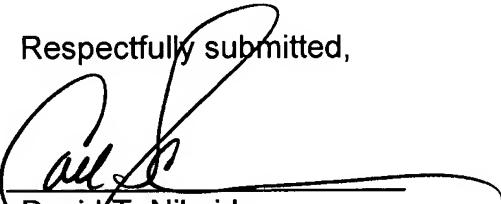
right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance; the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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